

Remarks

Applicant has carefully reviewed the Office Action dated February 10, 2005. With this Amendment, claims 20, 28 and 36 have been amended and claim 27 has been cancelled. Claims 21 – 26 and 28 – 40 remain pending in the application.

Claims 21 – 40 were rejected under 35 USC §102b as being anticipated by Berkeley et al. U.S. Patent No. 5,000,237. Berkeley discloses a joint cutter guard with feather board. The feather board disclosed by Berkeley et al. includes a single elongate, though not straight, slot therethrough, through which a fastener extends.

Unlike the device disclosed by Berkeley, Applicant's invention as recited in claim 21 includes first and second generally straight elongate slots formed through the body of the motion guide. Fasteners extend through each of these slots. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 21 is not anticipated by Berkeley et al. For this reason and because dependent claims 22 – 26 include additional elements, Applicant respectfully submits that these claims are also not anticipated by Berkeley.

Applicants have amended claims 28 and 36. In view of at least the reasons given above, Applicant respectfully submits that these independent claims are not anticipated by Berkeley et al. Claims 29 – 35 and 37 – 40 which depend from claims 28 and 36 respectively are also not anticipated by Berkeley in view of the above discussion, and further because they include additional elements.

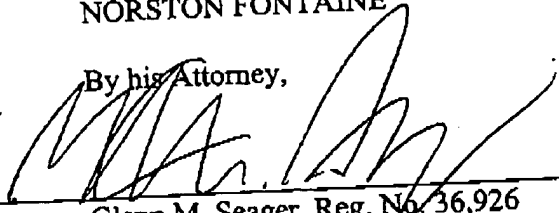
Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested. It is submitted that all pending claims are currently in condition for allowance. Issuance of a Notice of Allowance in due course is anticipated. If a telephone conference might be of assistance, please contact the undersigned attorney at 612-677-9050.

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